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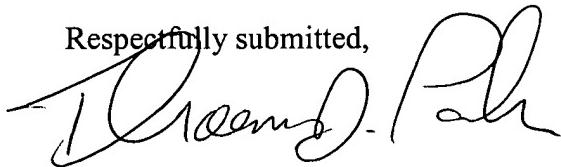
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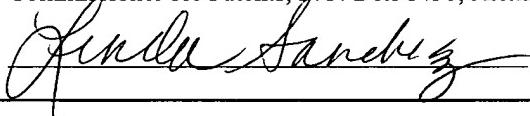
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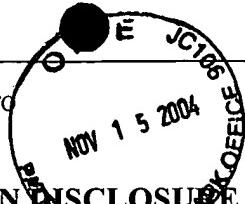
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Examiner Initials	Cite No.	<u>Foreign Patent Document</u>	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	English Language Translation Attached
		Country Code - Number Kind Code (if known)				
		Japan 07-285412	10-31-1995	Nippon Reinz Co. Ltd.		Abstract
		Japan 2002-249017	09-03-2002	Nippon Reinz Co. Ltd.		Abstract
		Japan 2002-331235	11-19-2002	Takata Corp.		Abstract
		Japan 01-255749	10-12-1989	Fujitsu Ltd.		Abstract
		Japan 2002-020847	01-23-2002	Mitsubishi Materials Corp.		Abstract
		WO99/54076	10-28-1999	Toyo Kohan Co. Ltd.		Abstract
		UK 2218710	11-22-1989	Isamu Kikuchi		
		UK 2067221	22-07-1981	Tokyo Oilless Metal		
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